

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 15th December 2019**

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## **Amateur Station Licence Exam**

The next Amateur Station Licence Exam will be held on Thursday 7th May 2020 in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers. See [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) for full details on how to enter for this exam. This page also includes links to the exam syllabus, the Course Guide and other study material.

Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page, forward the completed form and pay the appropriate fee to secure a place for the exam. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday, 23rd April 2020.

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## **Cork Radio Club**

Cork Radio Club will hold their December meeting on Wednesday next December 18th in Carrigtwohill Community Centre at 2000. As usual, visitors are very welcome and further information about the club can be got by emailing “info /at/ corkradioclub /dot/ ie” or by telephone to 087-6290574. The Club extends Christmas greetings to all members, friends, radio amateurs and shortwave listeners everywhere.

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## **Phoenix Rally**

Reminder. The Phoenix Rally in Coolmine is planned to take place on Sunday 16th Feb 2020. As usual the event will be a great opportunity early in the new year for hams from all over the country to meet up with each other again. Further details and booking of tables can be obtained through Tony 087 2439997

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The next South Eastern Amateur Radio Group meeting will be on Monday the 27th January 2020 in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp. IRTS President Jim Holohan EI4HH and Vice-President Pat O'Connor EI9HX will be in attendance. All members are please asked to attend. As

always new members are very welcome to attend also.

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group remind everyone that are intending to book their hotel rooms for the IRTS AGM 2020 weekend in April 2020 to book them as soon as possible please. Gala Dinner tickets are now available from John EI7IG and on the IRTS webpage. Details about the weekend including room prices and dinner tickets can be found at <https://agm2020cw.blogspot.com>

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “southeasternarg /at/ gmail /dot/ com” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

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### **December is YOTA month**

A reminder that throughout the month of December EI0YOTA will once again be on the air with the aim of getting youngsters involved in our hobby. The call will be available for use by clubs or individual operators. Anyone wishing to use the call should contact brian EI8IU 0861057325.

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### **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

Shannon Basin Radio Club is now running a net on 3.740 plus/minus qrm every Wednesday evening at 20:00. Everyone is welcome to give a call.

The 2 meter net is still on every Thursday evening at 20:00 on 145.350.

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### **DX News**

The United Nations Headquarters station 4U1UN located in New York has been quite active recently. The operator is Adrian KO8SCA. The station counts as a separate entity for DXCC purposes.

Roly ZL1BQD is in the Maldives and operating as 8Q7XR until 30th December. He is using CW, SSB and FT8 on all bands 80 – 10m. QSL to his home call.

3D2AG/P will be the callsign of an expedition to Rotuma Island starting in mid-December and lasting one month. The operator, Antoine, will be active on all bands but will focus on 160, 80 and 60m. Full details can be found on qrz.com

Harry JG7PSJ returns to Ogasawara from 22nd December – 3rd January where he will be active as JD1BMH. Look for him on 80 – 10m using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs go via his home call.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. If you currently receive a copy of the IRTS Radio News Bulletin by email as a news reader and wish to modify your address, please inform the editor in order to have it changed on the news readers mailing list.

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